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Friday - 7 January 1972

- 25X1 1. [] Met with Mr. Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), concerning the letter of 1 December 1971 from Martin Goldstein, Assistant Professor of Political Science, PMC Colleges, Chester, Pa., concerning a "CIA report that the U.S. once dismissed Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam from leading air commando raids into North Vietnam, because he used his position to transport opium from Laos to South Vietnam." Professor Goldstein also requested advice concerning available information on American participation in the drug traffic in Laos. In accordance with information provided by Messrs. [] 25X1A
- FE/Ops., I told Mr. Cohen that there is no such CIA report. This charge has been surfaced several times over the last four or five years but we have no substantive information on it. It was noted that although President Thieu in his reelection campaign last year surfaced many charges against Mr. Ky and his family, this charge was not included. As for information on drug traffic in the Far East, I suggested the office [] 25X1 and the study mission report of the Murphy Subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs Committee, of last year. Mr. Cohen was most appreciative.
- 25X1 2. [] Received a call from Mr. James Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, who said that as a followon to the information he gathered earlier for Chairman Stennis concerning the intelligence community, he now needs to get into the question of the changes in the community resulting from the President's directive of 5 November. I told Mr. Kendall that Mr. Maury would be the proper person in this office to talk to. Since Mr. Maury was not available at the time, Mr. Kendall requested that Mr. Maury call him during the afternoon.
- 25X1 3. [] Met with Mr. Steven Markowitz, Legislative Assistant to Representative Bob Eckhardt (D., Texas), concerning the letter of 22 December from [] concerning the Director of Central Intelligence and left with him a biographic sketch of the Director, a copy of the report of the Senate Armed Services confirmation hearings dated 23 June 1966, and the CIA unclassified pamphlet. Mr. Markowitz was most appreciative. STATOTHR

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Thursday - 6 January 1972

25X1 1. [] Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that as has been announced in the press, the Nedzi Intelligence Subcommittee will begin hearings on the problem of proper classification and handling of Government information involving the national security as soon as the Congress returns. The Committee will also consider H.R. 9853 which was jointly introduced by Chairman Hebert and Representative Les Arends (R., Ill.) to amend the National Security Act to provide for the establishment of a national commission on the classification and protection of information. A request has been mailed to the Agency and other Executive components requesting comments on H.R. 9853. In brief, Mr. Slatinshek said he would appreciate such background information as we can provide preferably in loose-leaf notebook form concerning classification and handling of Government information involving the National Security Act and the "Espionage Act." I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on the following items of current intelligence: Israeli violation of Jordanian air space; Soviet OSA-class missile boats for Cuba; North Vietnamese road construction; Laos; Soviet replacement of Indian Air Force aircraft; Soviet increase in numbers of naval vessels in the Indian Ocean; SS-NX-8 naval ballistic missile testing and detonation of underground nuclear device.

25X1 2. [] Met with Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in response to his request of yesterday and told him that the matter of the seizure of the Bahama Lines vessels, Layla Express and Johnny Express, and Premier Castro's statements in his 23 December speech concerning Captain Jose Villa Diaz' detention is outside Agency authority and that request for briefing should be made directly to the State Department. I told Mr. Holt that the Agency had no current connection with these vessels or Captain Diaz and that there has been no prior connection with the Babun Brothers, owners of the Bahama Lines. Mr. Holt was most appreciative and said he would contact the Department because of Committee interest in the fanfare attached to the release of the crewmen on the part of both the government of Cuba and the government of Panama.

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Wednesday - 5 January 1972

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1. [] Received a call from Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who asked if the Agency could provide a briefing for him concerning the seizure of the two Panamanian registry vessels by the government of Cuba. Mr. Holt's interest has been aroused by the statements of Fidel Castro in his speech of 22 December 1971 concerning the incident and the confession of Captain Jose Villa Diaz. I told Mr. Holt I would relay his request and be back in touch in the morning.

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2. [] Talked to Oneta Stockstill, Executive Secretary, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that Representative Charles Gubser (R., Calif.) is travelling as the guest of the Secretary of Navy to the South Pole and on his return will join the Nonappropriated Funds Activities Subcommittee which will be visiting Indochina. [] FE Division, 25X1A has been advised.

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3. [] Accompanied Mr. [] OCI, to a briefing which had been requested by Messrs. Lowenstein and Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, as a final briefing prior to their departure for Southeast Asia. Lowenstein leaves tomorrow for a side trip to Paris and will meet Moose and Senator Symington in Rome on Sunday. The briefing went well and no problems arose, although it was interesting that Lowenstein and Moose expressed the impression they had gained that General Dhep was a fiction (see Mr. [] Memorandum for the Record and Mr. [] [] Speed Letter, both dated 6 January).

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4. [] Accompanied Messrs. David Brandwein, C/FMSAC, and [] Acting Chief/ TBL/FE, to a meeting with Mr. Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee. In response to his earlier requests, Brandwein briefed Braswell on Soviet anti-satellite satellites and [] briefed him on the pay provided [] in Laos. Braswell also took this opportunity to get an updated briefing from [] on the general situation in Laos. We mentioned the pressure this was generating with regard to the various statutory limitations imposed on programs in Laos and while Braswell agreed this was a problem he gave the impression there would be very little "give" in the Congress in this area.

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I also left with Braswell a duplicate copy of the material which we had previously given Jim Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, on the recent changes in the intelligence community structure.

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